



South African Pet Travel Checklist: Essential Packing & Safety Guide

Essential Packing List

- ✓ • **Pet ID and Documentation:** Updated ID tags, vaccination records, and permits if required.
- ✓ • **Leash, Harness & Collar:** Strong, comfortable, and secure for control during travel and stops.
- ✓ • **Comfort Items:** Favorite blanket, toys, or bed for familiar scents and stress relief.
- ✓ • **Food and Water:** Pack enough regular food and fresh water. Bring collapsible bowls for easy feeding.
- ✓ • **Waste Bags:** Carry biodegradable waste bags for clean-up on the go.
- ✓ • **Grooming Supplies:** Brush, wipes, and any topical flea/tick treatments needed during travel.
- ✓ • **Medications and First Aid:** Include prescribed meds, basic pet first aid kit, and vet emergency contacts.
- ✓ • **Crate or Carrier:** Make sure it is well-ventilated, the right size, and secure for transporting.



Safety Tips for Traveling in South Africa

- ✓ • **Plan Pet-Friendly Stops:** Research rest areas and accommodations that welcome pets.
- ✓ • **Never Leave Pets in Cars:** Temperatures can quickly become dangerous inside vehicles.
- ✓ • **Keep Pets Secure:** Use a crate or seatbelt harness to prevent injury during sudden stops.
- ✓ • **Monitor for Heat Stress:** Offer water frequently and shade during outdoor breaks.
- ✓ • **Check Local Regulations:** Some areas have restrictions or permits for certain pet types or breeds.
- ✓ • **Update Vaccinations:** Especially for tick-borne illnesses prevalent in some regions.
- ✓ • **Avoid Unfamiliar Foods:** Stick to your pet's usual diet to prevent upset stomach.
- ✓ • **Prepare for Emergencies:** Know the location of nearby vets en route and have emergency numbers handy.



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